

B2V4: Visiting Officers to be ‘Panchayat Prabharis’ for next 1 year

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday chaired a meeting with Administrative Secretaries here to review achievements of the recently concluded Back to Village-4 programme.

Dr Mehta congratulated the Secretaries and their respective departments for successful culmination of the programme with most of the set targets achieved.

The 35 participating departments were successful in saturation of 54 deliverables set as their respective targets for the programme. The rest of the set 101 deliverables have also been partially achieved, it was informed.

Among numerous success stories of the B2V4 programme, readmission of 13977 school dropouts into schools, with quality education assured, stands out as the biggest achievement of

the programme.

Additionally, to foster connect with the youth, 23 musical talent shows from all over J&K were hosted on YouTube during the programme. Similarly 15 role-models have also been identified to inspire youth through a contemporary digital format.

The programme has been successful in providing self employment opportunities to 21329 individuals. 277 cooperative societies were also registered in various fields like poultry, housing, transport, health etc. In the agriculture sector, 14567 Soil Health Cards, 5914 Kissan Credit Cards were issued during Jan Abhiyan.

Labourers and migrant workers also benefitted during B2V4 as 24179 beneficiaries were enrolled and 4063 e-Shram cards were generated. The scheme now stands 88 percent saturated so far in the UT.

In the health sector, 95959

PMJAY-SEHAT Golden Cards were issued thereby giving health insurance coverage to 49526 families. With the achievement, the scheme has reached to 93% saturation rate in the UT.

The Revenue Department has been successful in issuing 6.6 lakh Land Passbooks. During B2V4, 8.46 lakh persons were introduced to Apki Zamin Apki Nigrani portal enabling them to access revenue records from the comfort of their homes.

A lot has been achieved by the Social Welfare Department, which digitized 5159 Disability Cards (UDID) and seeded 30231 Anganwadi beneficiaries and 11313 Ladli Beti beneficiaries with Aadhaar. Moreover 211 Divyang Camps were also organised by the department.

In addition more than 1.55 lakh e-challans were issued by the Mining Department with unique QR code inte-

grated with an online payment system for sale and purchase of minerals through zero-manual interface.

The Chief Secretary asked for implementation of e-Contractor Registration System and Online Billing System and promotion of digital payment systems across all works departments. He called for introducing School Complex System, under which teachers are able to teach in multiple schools.

He also asked the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department to expedite actions on Aspirational Panchayat Programme and Panchayat Development Index. He also asked all departments for creation of Gati Shakti layers by 25th November.

The Chief Secretary also laid stress on Swachh Gram Yojana and asked the concerned department to work in unison to achieve the goal of

Clean J&K.

He directed for implementation of app-based attendance system, and conducting audit of manpower in government departments. Discussion was held on implementation of e-Office, training of PRI members and measures against Lumpy Skin Disease and Dengue were also reviewed by the Chief Secretary in the meeting.

Besides other directions, he asked for compilation and analysis of data collected during the program to work out the future planning in holistic sense. He asked the visiting officer to visit their Panchayat atleast once every quarter to assess the change on ground after their visit and act as Panchayat Prabhari for the area during the next one year.

Chief Secretary finally lauded efforts of the public and government officials in the conduct of the programme.

Jhiri Mela begins after 2 yrs gap



Tara Chand emphasises on need to strengthen secularism in J&K

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JAMMU: Emphasising the need to strengthen secularism in northernmost region of Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere in the country, the former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K, Tara Chand on Tuesday said that people should unite to fight those creating disharmony among the religious groups and sections.

"The need of the hour is to unite and fight against those who are creating a wedge among the communities and castes in J&K and other parts of the country through various devious means," he said while addressing a public meeting at Khour in Jammu region.

India is a secular country with many religious groups having been living with harmony for centuries, he said, adding however some elements with the support of agencies from outside are trying to destroy this fabric for their vested interests and cause turmoil in J&K and other parts of the country.

The senior Democratic



Former Dy CM and DAP leader, Tara Chand addressing gathering at Khour.

Azad Party (DAP) leader, Tara Chand said that all must join hands to defeat such elements and ensure that people live with cordiality in this land.

Referring to his party's goals, Tara Chand said that it would strive for ensuring justice to all-be it about unemployment, discrimination or other matters.

Tara Chand, also a former Speaker of J&K Assembly, referred to the miseries of the people due to price rise of essential commodities and said that it has disturbed almost all sections of the people.

The government needs to take some credible steps to ensure that common people are not brought to such a brink

where it becomes difficult for them live day to day life, he said.

He also referred to various other issues pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir and said that DAP would ensure justice for all once it forms government in Jammu and Kashmir.

Other senior DAP leaders and activists who attended the function include Narinder Sharma, Varun Magotra, Madan Lal Sharma, Jagattar Singh, Suram Singh, Bachan Singh (Sarpanch), Sham Lal, Balbir Singh, Tersem Singh, Vipan Lachotra (youth leader), Deep Kumar, Jalbir Singh, Captain Kali Dass and Anudeep Sharma.

Div Com reviews action plans of mobile service providers to extend connectivity to shadow areas



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar on Tuesday chaired a meeting of Regional heads of mobile service provider companies to review the action plan formulated by them to provide/improve mobile connectivity in the shadow areas, far flung areas and border areas of Jammu division.

The Div Com said that facilitating connectivity in the far flung, difficult and border areas was the top priority of the Government to improve the quality of life of the local people as well as those working in

these areas.

The Deputy Commissioners also apprised the Div Com about the uncovered areas of their respective districts and the service providers informed about the action plan for each area. The Div Com directed the DCs to coordinate with the service providers and to facilitate the work on infrastructural development projects. He also instructed the service providers to share the updated list of the pending cases with the concerned DCs so that the process can be expedited.

The Div Com asked the DCs to identify the shadow areas in

their respective districts and share the list with the mobile service providers so that necessary steps could be taken for ensuring mobile connectivity in these areas. He also instructed DCs to hold a meeting with service providers and seek an action plan for installation of towers in these areas.

The Div Com stressed upon the concerned service providers to expedite the work on various ongoing works executed in the districts especially Rajouri, Poonch, Doda and Kishtwar. The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner Jammu, Pankaj Katoh; Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta; Chief Engineer, PWD, besides officers of Forest, JPDCL, Regional Forest/representatives of BSNL, Reliance JIO, Airtel and other concerned while Deputy Commissioners of Jammu division along with other concerned officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

Congress set to register massive win: Bhalla



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people.

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Tuesday asked the central government when it would ensure a congenial atmosphere for elections to take place in Jammu and Kashmir and elect a government of the people here.

"The directionless, agenda-less and clueless policy of the Modi government has left the people of Jammu and Kashmir in complete despair and this is a grave national concern," he said.

"How does Prime Minister Modi propose to ensure peace and normalcy in Kashmir? What is the economic roadmap for inclusion and progress for the people of J&K?" Bhalla fired volley of questions during public interaction at Apna Vihar area of Jammu South Constituency.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Block President Satish Sharma, Corporator Pritam Singh, Dr. Vijay Sharma, Sarpanch Rajesh Sharma, Retd DC Vijay Sharma, PS Bal, Kewal Saini, Pritam Singh Janwal, Malvinder Singh Dutta, BR Chanadan,

Vikas Sharma, Neeraj Tandon, TP Singh, Bharat Bushan Gupta, Chman Choudhary, Mohal Lal, Sudagar Choudhary, HK Pangotra, Sudesh Goyal, Surinder Shegal beside others.

Ridiculing loud speak of BJP, Bhalla asserted that Congress will emerge as single largest party in upcoming Assembly elections by maintaining edge in Jammu and Kashmir.

"If some people want to take pleasure by day dreaming they are free to do so but ground situation is not going to change", he said.

He, however, cautioned the people against vicious propaganda being spread by political parties with eye on votes and said their entire edifice stands on falsehood and populism.

"Given the committed cadre base, upright leadership and presence across J&K, Congress will provide a stable government", Bhalla said.

He urged the party cadre to put up their best for meeting the challenge and steer Congress to massive victory.

Advisor Bhatnagar inaugurates 3-day workshop on 'Information & Cyber Security'



Advisor, R.R Bhatnagar inaugurating three-day workshop on 'Information and Cyber Security'.

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Tuesday remarked that legal safeguards and frameworks should be established to deal with all aspects of cyber crime and cyber security besides common citizens should be enlightened about the ways and means by which they are protected online.

The Advisor made these comments after inaugurating the three-day workshop on 'Information and Cyber Security' at Convention Centre here. The workshop has been organised by J&K e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA) in collaboration with National Institute for Smart Governance (NISG) to sensitise and train senior civil and police officers of the J&K administration on the subject. Addressing the inaugural session of the workshop, Advisor Bhatnagar lauded the efforts of the technical agencies for educating the officers in cyber security. He highlighted that Cyber Security is crucial for the increasingly digital nature of governance, at all levels- personal, organisational and national. The Advisor also said that the officers need to be vigilant and capable of securely dealing with attempts of phishing and other modes of compromising of devices and leakage of digital information. "One is only as secure as the weakest link in one's digital safety measures. It is always suggested to think twice before opening or responding to an unsolicited email, SMS or other forms of digital communication", the Advisor underscored.

Enumerating on the impor-

tance of Cyber Security, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted that Citizens are increasingly using smart devices and availing government services through digital mode and it is therefore imminent that citizens are digital savvy and well educated about using digital platforms. The Advisor, in his address also quoted the quote of Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on Cyber Security as "The IT sector is our great strength and the more we use this power the more confident we will be in our security. Cyber security is no longer limited to the digital world, it has become a matter of national security"

In her address, Commissioner/Secretary IT, Purna Puri applauded the efforts of JaKeGA for successfully attempting to reach out to the grass roots via digital mode through Digital Village Centres in 44 Gram Panchayats across the UT.

Pertinently, the three day workshop on Information & Cyber Security would witness physical participation of six hundred senior officers, while it is expected that around nine hundred officers/officials will participate virtually from all over J&K. The people including youth and Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) of CSCs from 44 panchayats have been targeted to get trained during the workshop through video conferencing using the DVC links. Among others, the inaugural session of workshop was attended by Secretary Mining, Anit Sharma; CEO JaKeGA, Abhishek Sharma; Senior Vice

President, NISG, Srinath Chakravarthy; senior officers of J&K Administration and other concerned officials.



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